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Applicant	:	Kain et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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For	:	ALTERNATIVE SUBSTRATES AND FORMATS FOR BEAD- BASED ARRAY OF ARRAYS™)	
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Examiner	:	Betty J. Forman)	

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed January 10, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.